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Dear Ms. Chase:

Thank you for the opportunity to be here this evening to present our preliminary comments on the Proposed Remedial Action Plan. You will be receiving additional written materials by August 5, 2000.

## 1. SITE HISTORY

We will have some additional comments and corrections to the statements in this section.

We will be requesting further information and making some comments on the following sections of the Proposed Plan.

- 2. SUMMARY OF PREFERRED ALTERNATIVES
- 3. SYSTEM EXPANSION
- 4. INNOVATIVE SITE INVESTIGATION
- 5. CONDENSATE TREATMENT

We have a few questions to ask tonight. The first question pertains to deed restrictions on the landfill property. Why is the deed restriction as listed in the Plan going to be limited to the landfill itself and not the entire site?

On Page 12, No. 3 (Soil Cover), we have some questions. The Plan calls for adding soil to establish a minimum of two feet of cover that has an average permeability no greater than 2.2 times 10 to the minus six centimeters per second.

We believe that this is .003 inches per hour. If this is a correct translation of the centimeters per second, we are confused as to where this figure came from. The original soil on this site was listed as a Glenelg Silt Loam in the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Soil Survey.

Glenelg soil has a range in permeability (according to the USDA Soil Survey) from two inches to 6.3 inches per hour. This is a lot more permeable than the .003 per hour as shown in the Proposed Plan. Where will the soil be obtained to meet the criteria as listed in the Plan?

The last question we have has to do with the modifying criteria as listed on Page 16 of the Plan. We are wondering if you could give us a definition of "community acceptance." Who represents the community and how will community acceptance be determined? Does this embody the entire community, including Maryland residents?

We appreciate the granting of the extension to the public comments period on the Proposed Plan until August 5, 2000. We will be submitting final comments by that date.

Sincerely,

R. Donald Lindsey

For C.U.R.E. Board of Directors